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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 7 July 1981

The Director chaired the meeting. []

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The Director introduced [] the new Chairman of the NIC, and noted that Lehman will work with him to improve the NIC--especially in two areas. One is to reduce the amount of time it takes to get NIEs presented before the NFIB. The Director cited as an example the NIE being discussed at this afternoon's NFIB which took more than three months to prepare. He stated that he is going to appoint a subcommittee of NFIB, to be made up of members from NFAC, DIA, and INR, to consider ways to speed up the NIE production process. The other is to improve the intelligence support the Director receives prior to meetings such as NSC meetings. As an example he noted that at yesterday's NSC meeting on East-West Energy Policy, the briefing he received did not address the issues that were discussed. The Director conceded that the agendas for the meetings are subject to change--often at the last minute. []

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The Director discussed press stories on CIA's decision to limit briefings of the media and said that the External Affairs Staff of OPP will be responsible in the future for preparing necessary briefings of the media. The Director added we need to put across the fact that briefings are not being totally eliminated but will only be given when necessary. In regard to the release of unclassified publications, the Director said the Agency would be more selective in the future in what is released. Admiral Inman told the Director he will soon get some specific Executive Committee recommendations on the release of unclassified publications. Basically the report recommends the release of appropriate reference material but not of analytical pieces. []

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The Director said he would find out today if Richard Allen has signed off on Executive Order 12036. (Subsequent to the Staff Meeting, Sporkin advised the Director that Allen had in fact signed off on the Executive Order.) []

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The Director said he had asked Admiral Inman to take letters discussing CIA's overseas payment plan personally to Congressmen Addabbo and Boland. []

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Fitzwater noted that the power outage on 6 July was caused by VEPCO. [REDACTED]

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Fitzwater reported that three staff members of the House Appropriations Committee visited [REDACTED] last week and were impressed. [REDACTED]

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Sporkin noted that Judge Gerhard Gesell will visit CIA on official business. [REDACTED]

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Sporkin reported on the possibility that HPSCI may hold hearings on the Wilson/Terpil matter and that he will attempt to convince the committee staff not to call such hearings. Sporkin said the Agency would allow one HPSCI staff member to come out to the Agency to read the IG report on the affair. In response to the Director's question, Admiral Inman said that a reason HPSCI may want the hearings is to cut off any possible allegations that it is not providing proper oversight to the Agency on matters that might involve alleged illegalities. [REDACTED]

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The Director said Secretary Haig asked him if the Agency could provide training to an unspecified African country. The Director requested information from Sporkin regarding the legality of such assistance. [REDACTED]

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